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BIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTY IN CONTACTING SOVIET OFFICIALS DURING
CURRENT HOLIDAYS, WE REQUEST EMBASSY PASS ASAP FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM RUSSELL E. TRAIN TO ACADEMICIAN YURI A. IZRAEL,
CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION, HYDROMET.

"DEAR YURI: DRS. RALL AND DE SERRES REPORT A HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL 3-DAY WORKSHOP MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY WITH
ACADEMICIAN DUBININ. THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS CURRENTLY
VISITING MAJOR LABORATORIES IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA DOING
RESEARCH IN AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGENESIS FOR DISCUSSIONS
WITH STAFF SCIENTISTS AND TO EXAMINE NEWLY DEVELOPED FACILITIES
AND TECHNIQUES FOR ASSAY OF MUTAGENIC ACTIVITY. DRS. RALL
AND DE SERRES DEEPLY REGRET THAT THE FULL SOVIET DELEGATION
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WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING OF AMERICAN

ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGENESIS SOCIETY MAY 9-12 AS PLANNED, AND MORE ESPECIALLY THAT ACADEMICIAN DUBININ WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MAY 13 SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL MUTAGENESIS STUDIES.

THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED AROUND THE EXPECTATION OF PARTICIPATION BY ACADEMICIAN DUBININ, IS CONCERNED WITH THE FACT THAT MAJOR TECHNICAL ADVANCES HAVE BEEN MADE DURING PAST YEAR WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE IMMEDIATE ASSESSMENT OF THOUSANDS OF MAN MADE ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMICALS WITH REGARD TO POTENTIAL CARCINOGENIC AND MUTAGENIC ACTIVITY IN MAN. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS NEWLY DEVELOPED TECHNOLOGY FOR SUCH ASSESSMENT ON A WORLD WIDE BASIS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN, SWEDEN, NORWAY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, INDIA, AND JAPAN. WE FEEL THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATE IN THESE DELIBERATIONS.

ALTHOUGH ACADEMICIAN DUBININ WILL NOW NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE, BOTH THE US SIDE AND ACADEMICIAN DUBININ RECOMMEND THAT DRS. G.D. ZASUKHINA AND R.I. KHIL'CHESKAYA SHOULD BE DELEGATED TO REPRESENT THE SOVIET UNION AT THIS IMPORTANT MEETING, RETURNING TO THE USSR ON MAY 16. THE US SIDE WOULD PAY FOR THE EXTENDED VISIT OF DRS. ZASUKHINA AND KHIL'CHESKAYA ON THE RECEIVING SIDE PAYS BASIS. AN IMMEDIATE DECISION IS ESSENTIAL SINCE THE DELEGATION'S CURRENT PLANS CALL FOR THEM TO RETURN TO MOSCOW ON MAY 7.

SINCERELY YOURS,
RUSSELL E. TRAIN

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